

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting. Claims 1-8 are allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to correct an editorial and grammatical error. Claims 1-8 remain for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure because of an alleged informality in paragraph [0016] and has required appropriate correction.

Applicants have reviewed the alleged informality as pointed out by the Examiner and have made the requested changes. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the disclosure.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 2 have been rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 7,338,546.

The Examiner has also indicated that claim 1 contains allowable subject matter and that claims 2-8, which depend from claim 1, also contain allowable subject matter.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and enclose herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1 and 2 of the present application over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 7,338,546. Applicants accordingly respectfully request that the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection be withdrawn and the application be passed to issue.

Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments and remarks are fully responsive to the Office Action and that the claims herein are allowable. An early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed for the terminal disclaimer. If any additional charges are incurred with respect to this Amendment, they may be charged to Deposit Account No. 503342 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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